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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY; WESTERN
WATERSHEDS PROJECT; and
PAT MUNDAY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA A. HAALAND, in her
official capacity as Secretary, U.S.
Department of the Interior;
MARTHA WILLIAMS, in her
official capacity as
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service; and the U.S. FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE,

Federal Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00002-BMM

**FEDERAL DEFENDANTS'
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO
INTERVENE**

Federal Defendants Debra A. Haaland, Martha Williams, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7-1(e), hereby submit their response to the Motion to Intervene as a Defendant by the State of Montana and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (collectively “Intervenor-Applicants”), ECF No. 10. Based on previous coordination with the parties, Intervenor-Applicants noted that Federal Defendants objected to the motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a) but took no position on the motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b). *See* Intervenor-Applicants’ Mot. to Intervene ¶ 6. After reviewing Intervenor-Applicants’ moving papers, ECF Nos. 10 and 11, Federal Defendants now take no position on Intervenor-Applicants’ motion to intervene pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a) or Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b).

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